

III. Remarks

A. Status of the Application

Claims 1-44 were pending.

Claims 1-29 and 41-44 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 30, 32, 35 and 36 have been amended.

Claims 31, 33, 34 and 37-40 have been maintained in their previously-presented form.

As a result, claims 30-40 are pending.

B. Restriction Requirement

The Office Action mailed September 24, 2007 requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-29, drawn to a reaction vessel comprising a reaction vessel main body and a cover member;
- II. Claims 30-40, drawn to a reaction apparatus comprising a temperature controller, a light source, and a fluorescent light detector; and
- III. Claims 41-44, drawn to a method comprising bringing the reaction solution held in the reaction chamber into contact with a contact member.

Applicants hereby elect without traverse, for prosecution herein, the claims of Group II, that is, claims 30-40.

C. Conclusion

It is believed that all matters set forth in the Office Action mailed September 24, 2007 have been addressed. Favorable consideration and an early indication of the allowability of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that an interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney would expedite consideration of the pending claims, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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